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SUMMARY: SYG LUNS OPENED DISCUSSION ON THE MACHINERY FOR POLITICO-MILITARY ASSESSMENTS BY STATING THAT HE OPPOSED THE NEW PROCEDURES AND BELIEVED THAT THE PRODUCTION OF ASSESSMENTS IN TIMES OF CRISIS SHOULD BE HANDLED BY EXISTING NATO COMMITTEES. MOST OF THE PERMREPS AGREED THAT THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS AND PROCEDURES, ALTHOUGH CUMBERSOME, DESERVED TESTING. THE COUNCIL APPROVED THE PROPOSALS AND RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN C-M(74)52 ON A TEMPORARY BASIS PENDING FURTHER EVALUATION DURING EXERCISE HILEX 7. END SUMMARY:

1. SYG LUNS OPENED DISCUSSION ON THE REPORT PREPARED BY THE COUNCIL OPERATIONS EXERCISE COMMITTEE (COEC) ON THE ARRANGEMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR THE PRODUCTION OF POLITICO-MILITARY ASSESSMENTS IN TIMES OF CRISIS AND TENSION (C-M(74)52) BY STATING THAT HIS VIEWS ON THIS DOCUMENT REMAIN AS EXPRESSED AT THE JAN 14 PERMREP LUNCHEON (REF A REFERS). IN HIS VIEW, THE PRODUCTION OF CONFIDENTIAL

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POLITICO-MILITARY ASSESSMENTS IN TIMES OF CRISIS OR TENSION BY NATO HQ IS A DIFFICULT TASK BECAUSE OF THE RAPID PACE OF POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS AND THE USUAL LACK OF TIMELY NATIONAL INPUTS. SYG SAID THAT HE AND SOME OF HIS TOP STAFF (ASYG KASTL) OPPOSE

THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE CREATION OF NEW MACHINERY AND BELIEVE THAT

THE PRODUCTION OF POLITICO-MILITARY ASSESSMENTS IN TIMES OF CRISIS  
SHOULD BE HANDLED BY EXISTING NATO COMMITTEES.

2. SIR PETER HILL-NORTON (CHAIRMAN MC) SAID THAT THE MILITARY  
COMMITTEE WOULD WELCOME THE ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSALS CONTAINED IN  
THE DOCUMENT UNDER CONSIDERATION (C-M(74)52). HE MAINTAINED  
THAT THE 1973 YOM KIPPUR WAR DEMONSTRATED THE INADEQUACY OF THE  
EXISTING MACHINERY TO PRODUCE AN OVERALL POLITICO-MILITARY  
ASSESSMENT REQUESTED BY SACEUR. HE SAID THAT FROM  
A MILITARY POINT OF VIEW TIMELY POLITICO-MILITARY  
ASSESSMENTS ARE REQUIRED DURING A PERIOD OF INTERNATIONAL TENSION  
OR CRISIS TO GUIDE THE ACTIONS OF THE MAJOR NATO COMMANDERS.  
HE SAID THAT THE MAJOR NATO COMMANDERS HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED SUCH  
GUIDANCE FROM NATO HQ AND THE FORMATION OF THE CRISIS ASSESSMENT  
GROUP WOULD BE ONE STEP TOWARDS MEETING THIS ESSENTIAL MILITARY  
REQUIREMENT.

3. AMB PECK (UK) SAID THAT HE ALSO THOUGHT THAT POLITICO-MILITARY  
ASSESSMENTS WERE IMPORTANT AND REQUIRED. ALTHOUGH HE RECOGNIZED  
THAT THE PROPOSALS IN C-M(74)52 ARE SIMILAR TO AN "INTRICATE PIECE  
OF MACHINERY", HE FELT THAT THEY ARE NECESSARY AND SHOULD BE  
EVALUATED DURING HILEX 7.

4. AMB SVART (DENMARK) SAID THAT HIS AUTHORITIES WERE NOT YET  
PREPARED TO SET UP THESE GROUPS ON A PERMANENT BASIS BUT HAD  
AGREED TO THE FORMATION OF A CRISIS ASSESSMENT GROUP AND A CURRENT  
OPERATIONAL GROUP ON A TEMPORARY BASIS PENDING EVALUATION DURING  
A NATO HQ EXERCISE.

5. AMB HARTOGH (NETHERLANDS) SAID THAT CRISIS MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES  
ARE DEVELOPED ON A TRIAL AND ERROR BASIS AND HE RECOMMENDED  
APPROVAL OF THE DOCUMENT WITH THE PROVISIO THAT THESE ARRANGEMENTS  
AND PROCEDURES BE REVIEWED AFTER HILEX 7. IN REF TO PARA 14,  
HE SAID THAT HIS AUTHORITIES HOPED THAT THIS CRISIS ASSESSMENT  
GROUP WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO INSURE THAT ASSESSMENTS WOULD  
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PASS THROUGH THE APPROPRIATE POLITICAL COMMITTEE AND THE  
MILITARY COMMITTEE PRIOR TO PRESENTATION TO THE NAC/DPC.

6. AMB HARTOGH SAID HE WAS CONCERNED THAT THE CRISIS ASSESSMENT  
GROUP WOULD IN MOST CASES BYPASS THE VARIOUS SENIOR COMMITTEES  
WHERE ALLIED GOVTS ARE REPRESENTED BECAUSE OF THE CLAUSE "IN  
SITUATIONS WHERE TIME WOULD PERMIT". AMB CATALANO (ITALY) SAID  
THAT HE SHARED THE OPINIONS EXPRESSED BY HIS COLLEAGUES. HE  
ALSO FELT THAT THE FORMATION OF A SMALL HIGH-LEVEL GROUP TO  
ASSIMILATE NATIONAL INPUTS WAS NECESSARY TO FACILITATE THE WORK  
OF THE NAC/DPC. CATALANO SAID THAT HE WAS PERPLEXED ABOUT THE  
COMPOSITION OF THE CRISIS ASSESSMENT GROUP BECAUSE IT DID NOT  
ALLOW FOR PARTICIPATION BY ALLIED DELEGATIONS. HE WENT ON TO SAY

THAT HE HOPED THAT THESE NEW PROCEDURES WOULD BE APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL AND EXERCISED DURING HILEX 7.

7. COUNCIL OPERATIONS AND EXERCISE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN (MACBRIEN) SAID THAT AN OPEN-ENDED CRISIS ASSESSMENT GROUP WAS CONSIDERED BUT WAS DISCARDED BECAUSE ANY ASSESSMENT OF VALUE MUST BE PRODUCED QUICKLY.

8. AMB ERALP (TURKEY) SAID THAT HIS AUTHORITIES WERE NOT ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE FORMATION OF A CRISIS ASSESSMENT GROUP BECAUSE IT MIGHT EXERCISE TOO GREAT AN INFLUENCE IN NATO.

9. AMB DE STAERCKE (BELGIUM) SAID THAT THE PROPOSALS CONTAINED IN C-M(74)52 PROVIDE THE MECHANISM FOR THE PRODUCTION OF MILITARY-POLITICAL ASSESSMENTS. IN HIS VIEW, THE MAJOR QUESTION IS TESTING THE VALIDITY AND EFFICACY OF THE PROPOSED PROCEDURES.

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10. AMB DE ROSE (FRANCE) EMINDED THE COUNCIL THAT FRANCE DOES NOT PARTICIPATE IN NATO HQ EXERCISES AND THEREFORE IT IS DIFFICULT FOR FRANCE TO EVALUATE THE REQUIREMENT ESTABLISHED AFTER HILEX 5 FOR POLITICO-MILITARY ASSESSMENTS. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE EXISTING SENIOR NATO COMMITTEES ARE ALREADY RESPONSIBLE FOR PERFORMING CERTAIN FUNCTIONS DURING PERIODS OF INT'L TENSION OR CRISIS AND HE WONDERED WHAT IMPACT THE FORMATION OF TWO NEW GROUPS WOULD HAVE ON THESE EXISTING COMMITTEES. AMB DE ROSE SAID THAT HE WOULD FIND IT MOST HELPFUL IF AN ORGANIZATIONAL CHART WERE PRODUCED DEPICTING THE CORRELATION BETWEEN THE EXISTING NATO COMMITTEES AND THE CURRENT OPERATIONAL GROUP/CRISIS ASSESSMENT GROUP/ CURRENT INTELLIGENCE GROUP.

11. COEC CHAIRMAN MACBRIEN SAID THAT AN ORGANIZATIONAL CHART WOULD BE INCLUDED WHEN COEC DRAFTED THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE CURRENT OPERATIONAL GROUP AND THE CRISIS ASSESSMENT GROUP.

12. ASYG KASTL OBSERVED THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE COUNCIL SEEMED TO FAVOR EVALUATING THESE NEW PROCEDURES IN AN EXERCISE SITUATION. HE SAID THAT HE DID NOT ENVISAGE A PERSONNEL PROBLEM IN MANNING THE CRISIS ASSESSMENT GROUP AND THE CURRENT OPERATIONAL GROUP. IN HIS VIEW, THE PROBLEM FOR THE ALLIES WAS THE ACCEPTABILITY OF ONE CONFIDENTIAL

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PRINCIPAL DRAFTER TO PRODUCE A POLITICO-MILITARY ASSESSMENT DURING TIMES OF CRISIS. HE RECALLED THAT DURING THE 1973 MIDDLE EAST WAR HE SPENT FOUR DAYS DRAFTING A POLITICO-MILITARY ASSESSMENT WHICH NEVER REACHED NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES. ASYG KASTL EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT ANY NEW PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENTS WOULD PRODUCE A DIFFERENT RESULT.

13. AMB BUSCH (NORWAY) SAID THAT HE SHARED SOME OF THE DOUBTS EXPRESSED BY ASYG KASTL. IN HIS VIEW, ASSESSMENTS MUST REMAIN A NATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY, AND THE PRODUCTION OF NATO HQ POLITICO-MILITARY ASSESSMENTS REQUIRES CLOSE SCRUTINY. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT PERHAPS THE WORD "ASSESSMENT" WAS MISLEADING AND SUGGESTED SUBSTITUTING THE WORD "INFORMATION",

14. SYG LUNS SAID THAT "THE GRAVER THE CRISIS, THE MORE IT IS LIKELY THAT ASSESSMENTS WILL BE PRODUCED BY MINISTERS". HE CONCLUDED DISCUSSION ON THE ARRANGEMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR THE PRODUCTION OF POLITICO-MILITARY ASSESSMENTS IN TIMES OF TENSION OR CRISIS BY STATING THAT THESE PROCEDURES SHOULD BE GIVEN A TRIAL RUN. THE COUNCIL AGREED. BRUCE

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